

8.3 Public Involvement Conclusion

Table 8.3.16 contains the names and dates of agencies and consulting parties that have corresponded during the course of the project. Appendix C contains the agency and consulting party correspondence that has been received during the course of the project. Comments made by the various agencies have been addressed in the appropriate sections of the FEIS.

The Management Team has received numerous verbal and written comments at various meetings, through the project web site, and via the project toll free hotline throughout the course of the project. During the Public Hearing Comment Period alone, INDOT received over 2,300 comment letters. All comments submitted during this comment period have been reviewed, evaluated and substantive comments are addressed in Appendix L of this FEIS. Many of the comments and concerns focus on issues including, but not limited to, safety and local access to neighborhoods and businesses; residential and business relocations, environmental impacts including impacts to wetlands, forests, threatened and endangered species, etc., impacts to historic properties; visual, noise and aesthetic impacts and many other issues. The number of comments and the amount of interest received from the local communities and residents throughout the project has been very encouraging and serves as a good indicator that the Public Involvement Process utilized for this project is succeeding.

Table 8.3.16 Agency Names and Dates of Correspondence	
AGENCY NAME	CORRESPONDENCE DATE
U.S. Department of Transportation	April 22, 2003 November 14, 2003 No Date May 24, 2005
	June 10, 2005 April 18, 1994
U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	November 25, 1996 July 16, 1997 May 2, 2002
	June 27, 2003 May 20, 2004
	December 28, 2004 June 16, 2005 No Date
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5	August 18, 2002 May 11, 2004 December 30, 2004

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AGENCY NAME	CORRESPONDENCE DATE	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District	August 6, 1996 November 12, 1996 November 22, 1996 September 10, 2002 June 10, 2003 October 31, 2003 February 11, 2004 May 12, 2004 February 24, 2005	
U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	February 7, 2005	
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service	October 18, 1996 January 7, 2004 March 1, 2005	
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	April 7, 2004 No Date	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Environmental Staff, Region V	October 22, 1996 April 15, 2004	
Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health	March 31, 2004	
Federal Aviation Administration	April 29, 2004	
Indiana Department of Natural Resources	April 13, 1994 November 25, 1996 July 16, 1997 November 26, 2003 June 27, 2003 July 1, 2003 January 26, 2004 April 22, 2004 March 3, 2005	



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AGENCY NAME	CORRESPONDENCE DATE	
State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) - Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology	November 13, 1996 February 2, 1997 August 13, 2002 July 25, 2003 September 2, 2003 November 26, 2003 March 23, 2004 March 23, 2004 January 26, 2004 February 27, 2004 October 5, 2004 February 10, 2006	
Indiana Department of Environmental Management	October 7, 1996 October 9, 2003	
Indiana Geological Survey	September 27, 1996 January 14, 2004	
Indiana Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Section	Not Dated November 4, 2004	
State of Indiana - Senate	April 20, 2004 April 21, 2004 April 23, 2004	
State of Indiana - House of Representatives	April 20, 2004	
Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG)	October 12, 2004	
Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana	April 16, 2002 September 9, 2003 January 13, 2004	
South Bend and St. Joseph County Historic Preservation Commission	September 4,2003 September 22, 2003 January 20, 2004 March 18, 2004	
Marshall County Historian	January 7, 2004	
Wythougan Valley Preservation Council, Inc. (Marshall County)	December 30, 2003 January 9, 2004 February 12, 2004 March 8, 2004	

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AGENCY NAME	CORRESPONDENCE DATE
Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County	November 15, 1996 April 25, 2003 December 18, 2003
County of St. Joseph Board of Commissioners	September 20, 1996 January 26, 2004
Marshall County Commissioners	April 15, 2004 July 31, 2004
County of St. Joseph Department of Public Works	April 10, 2003
City of South Bend	November 22, 1996 January 24, 1997 April 24, 2003 September 2, 2003 March 18, 2004 April 6, 2004 June 8, 2004 September 7, 2004
City of Plymouth	April 26, 2004 August 11, 2004
City of Plymouth Engineering Offices	April 15, 2004
Town of LaPaz	December 18, 2003
The Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce	November 7, 1996 March 21, 2002
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	May 28, 2003 April 22, 2004 October 28, 2004
City of Nappanee	March 18, 2002
City of Mishawaka	October 10, 1996 March 20, 2002
The Society of the Preservation of Old Mills	August 11, 2003
South Bend Community School Corporation	December 3, 2003
Plymouth School Corporation	December 2, 2004
Union-North United School Corporation	March 1, 2004